



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Jonathan H. Schwartz became a judge in 1991 after a career focused on litigating complex criminal and civil cases. He is currently assigned to the Criminal Department. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1973, moved to Arizona and became a law clerk for Justice Fred C. Struckmeyer Jr. on the Arizona Supreme Court. Judge Schwartz worked for the next four years as a Maricopa County Deputy Public Defender. Later, he went into private practice with the law firm of Logan and Aguirre for a short time and then became a prosecutor in 1979. At the Arizona Attorney General's Office, he prosecuted organized crime and land fraud cases and provided legal representation to the Arizona Department of Health Services. In 1986 he became Chief Counsel of the Liability Defense Division of the Office. In that capacity he was responsible for defending the state government in personal injury, employment and civil rights litigation. His 12 years with the Attorney General's Office ended when he became a judge.



Judge Schwartz is often sought out for advice by other judges on legal and procedural matters. He has actively developed training protocols for judges to improve their trial-management skills and has taught numerous seminars and workshops on the subject to both lawyers and judicial officers. In the nearly eight years he has been on the Superior Court bench, he has served in a variety of assignments: criminal, civil, domestic relations and special assignment. He is a member of the Court's Judicial Executive Committee, a special court-wide policy and study group that advises the presiding judge and court administrator on court programs and the overall management of the Court. In 1993, he received the State Bar of Arizona's Professionalism Award.